

niche, Hargroder founded the media consulting company Conversations. Through Conversations, Hargroder's team provides targeted, easy-to-implement strategies for entities to connect with clients and future clients across a variety of online media platforms. Conversations has been an integral component in the online presence of hundreds of local organizations, businesses, and campaigns, such as the Junior League of New Orleans, the League of Women Voters, Tobacco Free Living, and former New Orleans Saints safety Steve Gleason. Additionally, the Conversations team maintains an online journal and steady calendar of speaking engagements in their quest to continually educate and engage folks in social media outreach techniques.

Like many startups, Hargroder initially struggled with transforming her innovative ideas into a profitable, effective business. She turned to the Greater New Orleans Region's Louisiana Small Business Development Center, LSBDC, which helped her navigate the nuances of starting and maintaining a healthy, thriving business. In the years since, Conversations' five-person team of bright and driven innovators in the realm of media consulting has transformed online media engagement in the State—creating economic opportunities for scores of businesses in Louisiana and beyond.

Congratulations again to Conversations for being selected as Small Business of the Week. Thank you for your commitment to help local small businesses connect with clients and customers and foster economic growth.●

TRIBUTE TO HERBERT COLLINS

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to one of my constituents. Mr. Herbert Collins, a native member of the Caroline County community, has dedicated his life to the protection and preservation of the unique history of the region and of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Collins is a historian who served as a curator for the Smithsonian Institution here in Washington, DC. During his time at the museum, he was the executive director of the National Museum of American History. He also helped found the National Postal Museum, established a security system for the National Philatelic Museum, and was integral to the establishment of the National Museum of the American Indian.

Mr. Collins has committed his life to serving the United States, both as a member of the U.S. Army in his youth and in his service as a historian. This is exemplified in the transformation of his historic home into a personal museum, furnished with dozens of historic artifacts and antiques open to the public. Mr. Collins has also developed relationships with Presidents dating back to President Harry Truman. He contributed his military uniform, complete with his laundry mark, for the fu-

neral service of President Dwight Eisenhower, who had requested to be buried in full military dress, and toured the country raising funds for a museum honoring President John F. Kennedy after the President was assassinated. Mr. Collins has undoubtedly left his mark on the Commonwealth, and I am honored to celebrate his achievements. I know that many throughout Virginia will join me in congratulating him on his service to the Nation and this great State.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 615) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 805. An act to provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition.

H.R. 893. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1190. An act to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

H.R. 1626. An act to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1633. An act to provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1637. An act to require annual reports on the activities and accomplishments of federally funded research and development centers within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1640. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1646. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how certain commercially available small and medium sized unmanned aircraft systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the risk of such an attack, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1698. An act to amend design and content requirements for certain gold and silver coins, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2390. An act to require a review of university-based centers for homeland security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2576. An act to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2620. An act to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 615. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2146. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1190. An act to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1626. An act to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1633. An act to provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1637. An act to require annual reports on the activities and accomplishments of federally funded research and development centers within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1640. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in

the National Capital Region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1646. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how certain commercially available small and medium sized unmanned aerial systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the risk of such an attack, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1698. An act to amend design and content requirements for certain gold and silver coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2390. An act to require a review of university-based centers for homeland security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2028. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiram; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9928-82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2029. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program" (RIN0570-AA73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2030. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral or rear admiral (lower half), as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2031. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John M. Bednarek, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2032. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a delay in submission of a report relative to the inventory of contracts for services for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2033. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2034. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Ronnie D. Hawkins, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2035. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Office of the General Counsel, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Guidance Regarding the Definition of the Terms 'Spouse' and 'Marriage' Following the Supreme Court's Decision in *United States v. Windsor*" (17 CFR Parts 231, 241, 271, and 276) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2036. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the 2013 Integrated Mortgage Disclosures Rule Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X) and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) and the 2013 Loan Originator Rule Under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" (RIN3170-AA48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2037. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, with respect to North Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2038. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2039. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2040. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the acceptance of gifted land in Tulare County, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2041. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Edits" (RIN1024-AE25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2042. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2043. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on External Quality Control Review"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2044. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Housing and Urban Development Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2014, through March 31, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2045. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of

Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Care and Development Fund Report to Congress for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2046. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partnership Transactions Equity Interests of a Partner" ((RIN1545-BM35) (TD 9722)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2047. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Benefits Under the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014" ((RIN1545-BM73) (TD 9723)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2048. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - July 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2049. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Probability of a Deceased Spousal Unused Exclusion Amount" ((RIN1545-BK74) (TD 9725)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2050. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Carbon Dioxide Sequestration 2015 Section 45Q Inflation Adjustment Factor" (Notice 2015-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2051. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 2015-37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2052. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Welfare Outcomes 2010-2013: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2053. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-050); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2054. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0067—2015-0072); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2055. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; TBHQ" (Docket No. FDA-2014-F-